

BELMONT MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS  
November 9th, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hal Shubin at 8:35 a.m. in the Claflin Room. Present were Trustees Elaine Alligood, Mary Keenan, Matt Lowrie, and Heli Tomford and Director Maureen Conners. Trustee Jil Westcott was absent.

The FY09 Budget was the topic for this meeting. Trustees emphasized the need for the library to be open on 30 Sundays as was the case in the past. Budget cuts eliminated Sunday openings for 2006, but due to personnel changes - retirements, etc.- the library was open a limited number of Sundays, a scenario that persists.

Great concern was expressed about the required budget - Level Services minus 10% Budget. This will have a devastating impact on the library and is totally unacceptable to the trustees as the resulting cuts would end our MinuteMan network affiliation, a necessity for the library.

There is always the possibility for emergency repairs in such an aging facility whose systems are past their intended life-span. Although every care is taken to maintain the facility, the town must be aware of the possibility of a major repair. If of sufficient magnitude, the ADA compliance regulations would be triggered.

Respectfully submitted, Mary E. Keenan, Secretary